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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$1,115.00 to cover the five month extension of time fee for a small entity;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); and
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